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TAGS: CASC (LUSK, THOMAS E.) SUBJECT: CASE OF THOMAS E. LUSK

REF MUSCAT 0168 AND PREVIOUS

- 1. DCM VISITED THOMAS LUSK IN RUMAIS PRISON FEBRUARY 26.
  LUSK'S SPIRITS REMAIN REASONABLY HIGH AND HE SAYS TREATMENT
  IS GOOD. HE OCCUPIES HIS TIME BY COOKING HIS OWN FOOD IN
  PRISON KITCHEN AND WORKING IN PRISON MEDICAL UNIT.
- 2. APPEAL TO MINISTER OF JUSTICE INITIATED ON LUSK'S BEHALF BY ALAWI ENTERPRISES HAS MADE NO VISIBLE PROGRESS. MINISTRY OF JUSTICE HAS INFORMED ALAWI ENTERPRISES THAT ITS APPEAL LETTER WOULD BE MORE FAVORABLY RECEIVED IF SUPPORTED BY LETTER FROM LUSK HIMSELF AND ANOTHER LETTER FROM EMBASSY. LUSK HANDED HIS LETTER TO DCM FEBRUARY 26, AND WE HAVE DELIVERED IT TO ALAWI ENTERPRISES FOR TRANSMITTAL TO OFFICE OF MINISTER OF JUSTICE. WE GAVE OUR LETTER URGING "CAREFUL AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION" OF THE APPEAL TO FOREIGN MINISTRY ON FEBRUARY 27 FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SMAE OFFICE.
- 3. WE FINALLY RECEIVED OFFICIAL POLICE REPORT THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY ON FEBRUARY 15. (REPORT ON SEPARATE CASE OF GARY EMANUEL CAME AT SAME TIME.) THE REPORT WAS EXCEEDINGLY BRIEF AND TOLD US VIRTUALLY NOTHING WE DID NOT ALREADY KNOW. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ON LUSK READS AS FOLLOWS (INFORMAL UNCLASSIFIED

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EMBASSY TRANSLATION FROM ARABIC):

4. QUOTE: AS FOR THE FOREMENTIONED THOMAS LUSK, ON 30 DECEMBER 1977 HE HIT A TEN-YEAR-OLD OMANI BOY WITH HIS CAR (A DATSUN SALOON). THE BOY WAS RIDING A PNEUMATIC BICYCLE. THE RESULT WAS THE INFLICTION OF FATAL INJURIES ON THE BOY. THE CASE WAS BROUGHT BEFORE THE QADI, WHO SENTENCED

THOMAS LUSK TO SIX MONTHS IN PRISON AND THE PAYMENT OF BLOOD MONEY (DIYA) FOR THE BOY IN THE AMOUNT OF O.R. 2,400 (TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED OMANI RIALS). UNQUOTE. WOLLE

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